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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shuichi Fukutani  
 Serial No.: 10/540,884  
 Conf. No.: 1745  
 Filed: 6/27/2005  
 For: REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR RUBBER,  
       RUBBER PRODUCT USING THE MATERIAL  
       AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE  
       PRODUCT, PNEUMATIC TIRE USING THE  
       MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
       THE SAME  
 Art Unit: 1791  
 Examiner: Johnstone, Adrienne C.

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 Commissioner for Patents  
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TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

(X) Supplemental Response to Restriction Requirement.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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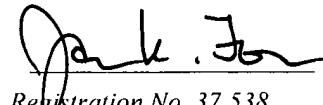
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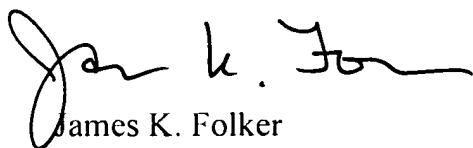
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed December 12, 2007,  
Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1 and 3-5), without traverse.

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